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ATTENTION, TAXPAYERS!

The much touted Board of Education is getting its bump-the-bumps these days. Who is saying a good word for it save Business Manager Jones and the imported Superintendent Holland? The members of the board are changing the names of school buildings, relegating old and tried principals to the retired list, and have even discharged Assistant Superintendent Lucas because he dared to speak without the permission of his superior. Mr. Holland does not deny that Mr. Lucas told the truth, but he is more because Lucas said it first. Holland wanted that privilege but was beaten to it. Mr. Holland recommended the dismissal of Assistant Superintendent Lucas, asked that the dismissal be made at once despite the fact that Mr. Lucas' term does not expire until September, and says he is willing that Mr. Lucas should get \$1,250 for his services despite the fact that he does no work during the coming six months.

The Board of Education is also in trouble with the Montenegro-Riehm Company because it is seeking to avoid fulfilling a contract for the purchase of fifteen pianos, said contract being made by the old School Board through Sam D. Jones, business agent of the old board and his own successor under the new. The Montenegro-Riehm Company has asked the courts to issue a mandamus to compel the Board of Education to fulfill its contract.

The dismissal of Mr. Lucas without stopping his salary; the litigation over the piano contract; the changing of names of schools—all these things cost money. That \$1,250 paid to Mr. Lucas for services he will not have rendered is a mere bagatelle to Mr. Holland, but it places a burden on the taxpayers of Louisville.

The board also seems to have a fondness for imported teachers. The home-grown article has palled on their acquired tastes for foreign novelties. There is no doubt that Louisville's public school system needs improvement, but how many members of the present Board of Education are competent to suggest the necessary reforms?

It is up to the taxpayers to put a stop to the waste of money that this board is guilty of. It is up to the people to stop the actual demoralization of the Louisville school system. The public schools are awarded lots of money by our tax system. This year the total property valuation in the city is \$180,000,000. The tax rate is \$1.81 on the hundred dollars, and the school system gets thirty-six cents out of every \$1.81 collected. Is not that a nice bunch of money to hand over to a bunch of incompetents?

THE AMERICAN DOLLARS.

The American dollar has insidious and corrupting uses or abuses in Great Britain, but it also has good uses. It all depends on who gets that big, round American dollar. In January last, when general elections were on in Ireland and Great Britain, Tory politicians and journals were denouncing the American dollars that were crossing the Atlantic ocean to corrupt British voters and overthrow the British constitution. Those dollars went only from Irish immigrants and their sons and daughters. Those dollars were awful. But it is different now.

Now the tune is changed. The London papers are beginning to tell about the annual invasion of England and Great Britain and Ireland by the Anglo-Saxon tourists from America. They tell that 100,000 are coming over there for the coronation and are expected to spend \$25,000,000 between May and October. None of this is tainted money. Oh, no! This is Anglo-Saxon silver and gold. The Anglo-Saxons from New York, and nearly all Irish Anglo-Saxons at that; the Swedish Anglo-Saxons from Wisconsin, the Hungarian and Slav Anglo-Saxons, the Italian and Syrian Anglo-Saxons, the Swiss Anglo-Saxons and the French Anglo-Saxons are all going over to pour their money into the laps of the English merchants and tradesmen.

Barnum found out many years ago that the American people were fond of being humbugged. The American dollar has not changed.

Show them a king or a coronation and the American fools and their money soon part. If 100,000 Americans spend \$250 each in London it would mean \$25,000,000. Think what good could be done in the United States with that amount of money or half of it in works of charity! Then think how badly the broken-down English Peers and Irish absentee landlords need those corrupting American dollars.

FILTH ON THE STAGE.

Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, is being commended by some editors of New England papers because he has taken a firm stand against the presentation in that city of a nasty, filthy drama. To name it would only be to advertise it. Boston's Mayor was right in stopping the presentation of that play, but he must not end there. As head of the most cultured city of the United States he has many duties to perform, and not the least of them is to be the city's chief dramatic censor. He need not attempt to uplift the stage, but he can stop its downfall. Other Mayors in other towns may pattern after him.

On the American stage today there are plays that are as rotten as any ever presented in England or in France. Yet they are tolerated. The theatrical magnate gets a new drama with a filthy theme and immediately exploits its filth. He tells its story to the press and whispers that there may be police interference after the first night. The first night comes. The morbid lovers of filth, of marital infidelity and social degeneracy flock to the theater and the success of the show is assured.

Last week there was a holocaust in New York City. More than 141 women and girls lost their lives. At once the authorities took steps to investigate the origin of the fire and to place the blame for loss of life. Only 141 lives lost, but a moral upheaval is started.

How many souls are lost through attendance at pernicious plays in all the large cities? How many young men and women are going to destruction through their visits to houses where these filthy dramas are performed?

Mayor Fitzgerald is right in his firm stand. He may encourage others to follow his example. There are lots of good, clean heart-interest dramas and lots of people willing to pay the price for witnessing them. Let the Mayors of America unite to keep the stage clean. They pay for clean streets. Why not give us a clean stage?

TEACHING THE LITTLE ONES.

Real Catholic mothers are fond of their children and want their little ones to be with them in heaven, and to that end begin to teach them to fold their little hands in prayer as soon as the child begins to notice things about it. When it begins to flap the baby is taught the names of God, of Jesus, of Mary and of Joseph. By the time Catholic babies are three years old nearly every one of them can repeat the Our Father and the Hail Mary. More than that, they conclude their prayers with "God bless papa, mamma, my brothers and sisters, my uncles and aunts and God bless everybody. My Guardian Angel protect me now and at the hour of my death. Amen."

Now that children are to be permitted to make their first holy communion when they arrive at the age of reason Catholic mothers will be more than ever assiduous in teaching the little ones their prayers. No true Catholic mother will neglect it.

WARNING WORTH HEEDING.

State Labor Inspector Patrick Flinn sounded a note of warning in his speech before the Central Trades and Labor Assembly last Tuesday night regarding the necessity for more and better fire escapes. It is no reflection on Col. Tilford, our optimistic Building Inspector, to say that he does not know the danger. Mr. Tilford is kept busy in his office and he is a busy, hard-working man, but there are many fire traps right in the heart of Louisville's business district. If Mr. Tilford will let office work to some one of his able deputies for a day or two there are a number of interested citizens who can show him conditions that he does not realize. Flinn and Tilford are both good

men and have the interests of the people at heart. If they will pull together they can work great good for life saving in Louisville. A little thing like politics should not separate them in a mutual desire to save human life and prevent suffering.

AN ERROR SOMEWHERE.

The Providence Visitor says: "The story that comes from Texas that a reporter had been robbed on Sunday of \$1,000 doesn't sound good and looks like a fake. Few reporters would have that much of their week's pay on them the day after." We have known editors that would not have half the sum the day after pay day. Perhaps after all it was a typographical error and that the general journalist was touched for \$10 instead of \$1,000. You know how careless these linotype operators are.

A young woman employed as cashier in an Eastern city is in jail charged with embezzlement. She admits that she appropriated her employer's money because she could not live on the wages she received. Her employer says: "It is true we would have paid a man more for the service she rendered, but supply and demand control the price. You can get a woman's labor cheaper than a man's. There is no reason why we should pay more." Who is to be the more censured, the erring girl or the philosophical employer whose motto is: "Pay a man not what he is worth, but what you can get him for." There are many employers like this in the United States. One of the four sins crying to heaven for vengeance is that of defrauding a workman of his wages.

Italy opened her series of exhibitions at Rome on Monday. Even the secular press admits the opening a failure. The King and Queen were there; members of the court and Senate were there, but the Pope was not. Rome is not Rome without the presence of the successor of St. Peter. United Italy is attempting to celebrate the theft of the Papal States from Pope Pius IX. of illustrious memory. It is proving more like a funeral than a fete. Other exhibitions in Italy are to follow at Turin and Venice, but there is scant chance of success in point of attendance at any of them.

Centuries before wireless communication between man and man was dreamed of there was wireless communication between man and God. That communication has never been interrupted by tempests nor earthquakes. God Almighty is ever ready for our signals of distress. It is proper to contemplate on God's goodness at this season of the year.

There are many decent, respectable and God-loving Baptists in this community. How long will they stand for the disrespectful and sacrilegious utterances like those of the Baptist World dated March 30, 1911? Possibly the editor of the Baptist World has never come in contact with Sisters of Charity and their work.

The Lenten season is the spring season. Flowers are abloom, plants are putting forth their shoots and trees are budding. Who caused these marvels? Not man, only an omnipotent Creator. To realize the omnipotence of God would be too great for the human intellect.

LOCAL KNIGHTS

To Organize Branch of Order at New Haven Tomorrow.

Tomorrow a party of Louisville gentlemen will go to New Haven, Ky., to reorganize and enthrone Branch 61 of the Catholic Knights of America there. In the party will be State Secretary William T. Moehan, Gen. Michael Reicher, and Eugene McCarthy, Supreme State Deputy; Joseph P. McGinn, John Schalks, Charles Hill, William M. Higgins, Charles Falk and Harry Veeneman. The Louisville delegation will leave the Tenth street Union Station via the L. and N. at 8 o'clock and will arrive at New Haven at 9 o'clock in time for the late mass.

At the railway station in New Haven the Louisville party will be met by State Treasurer Sylvester Rapier, President Robert E. Peake and Secretary Robert M. Ford, of the New Haven branch. In the afternoon the Catholic men of New Haven will be addressed by the Louisville delegation, and every effort will be made to arouse new enthusiasm in the old Nelson county branch. All Louisville members who desire to make the trip ought to notify Mr. Higgins or Gen. Reicher some time today.

NOVELTY EUCHE.

Friends of the Rev. Father John D. Kalaher will not forget that a novelty eucue and lotto for the benefit of St. Columba's church will be given at Fontaine Ferry Park on Easter Monday afternoon and night. There will be special attractions for the children. In the afternoon, tickets are being sold for twenty-five cents and are good for eucue, lotto or supper.

SOCIETY.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Grimes have returned from a visit to friends at Owensboro.

Miss Gertrude Edelen, of New Hope, is here to spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Walbeck has returned from Anchorage, where she spent a week with Mrs. E. M. Walbeck.

Mrs. John Hines, of Leadale, Ky., has returned home after a visit to Mrs. Walter Cresson, of Parkview.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll, of 1915 Bank street, are receiving congratulations over the birth of a son.

Mrs. J. C. Murphy, of South Louisville, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, at Bardstown.

Mrs. McCloy and daughter Idelle, of Clifton, were last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns in Lexington.

Miss Louise Shelley and Mrs. Robert A. Tucker are spending this week as guests of Mother Eutopia at Nazareth.

Mrs. C. McLaughlin has returned from Newport, Ky., where she was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. G. P. Woegil.

Mrs. B. Bolling, of Lebanon Junction, spent part of this week in South Louisville with her mother, Mrs. B. Hagan.

Miss Elizabeth Hawkins has returned from New Albany, where she was the guest of Mrs. E. W. Fawcett, of 1105 East Spring street.

Jack Lynch, of Boston, Mass., who spent three weeks with friends in this city, has gone to visit friends at Georgetown, Ky.

Mrs. J. C. Murphy, of South Louisville, has returned from Bardstown, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Shoemaker.

Mrs. George Graves and Miss Anna Malone, who have been visiting in New Orleans and Montgomery, have returned to their homes in New Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stengel, of West Market street, have returned from Richmond, Ind., where they enjoyed a visit among old relatives and friends.

George Rantenbush, the barber, is rejoicing over the arrival of a little shaver at his home, 3021 South Fourth avenue. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Miss Margaret King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. King, formerly of Louisville, now of Memphis, is in Louisville to spend her Easter vacation with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Callahan and daughter, Miss Edith, of Third street, will sail from New York about the middle of May to spend the summer in Europe.

Harry Scheibel, formerly of this city, now engaged in the manufacturing industry in Chicago, spent several days in Louisville this week shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haager have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Ethel Katherine Haager, to M. E. Oemler. The wedding has been set for June 20.

Mrs. Edward Gliddehaus and Miss Nellie F. Simon have returned home after an extensive trip through the South. While away they visited New Orleans, Mobile and other points of interest.

Mrs. Mary Lavin and family have removed from 1714 West Chestnut street to 1379 Brook street. After a residence of nearly twenty years the removal was painful to Mrs. Lavin and her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Dehler have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian L. Dehler, to Roy Carter Keebler, now of New York City, but formerly of Louisville. The date for the wedding has not been set.

Mrs. James McCrory, of Paducah, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Roberts, of South Fifth street. Mrs. McCrory is a charter member of the Paducah branch of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America and has been its Financial Secretary for a number of years.

Last week the Kentucky Irish American announced the reported engagement of Miss Florence Catherine Reilly to Ford A. Dance. There was no such engagement, but the publication was caused by a person whose idea of humor is sadly degenerated. The announcement was announced in good faith.

DUTCH BALL.

Mackin Council's Social Club will give a Dutch ball in the club rooms on the night of Easter Monday, April 17. All gentlemen are requested to wear appropriate costumes. Handsome prizes will be awarded representatives of fraternal societies to gentlemen wearing the most appropriate and correct costumes of Holland. The club will give other dances on April 27, May 11 and May 25. The committee in charge is made up of M. Fallahay, C. Schaefer, William Link, H. O. George, John Cummings, Charles Miller, Robert Osborne, William Rihne, William Cassin, L. S. Cuniff, J. H. Sheehan, Joe Stewart and A. C. Link.

LOCAL SEMI-FRONS.

Local baseball fans will keep an anxious eye on the Butts, Mont., team from now on. John J. Mc-

Closkey, Sr., will manage the team this season, and he will have with him some first class semi-professional ball players from Louisville. Among the coterie from Louisville who have signed up with Manager McCloskey are his son, John J. McCloskey, Jr., a capable third baseman; Joe Foley, who has made good locally as a first baseman; George Duddy, a crack-a-jack shortstop, and Outfielder Eddie Fries. The youngsters will start for Montana today.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

Blue Grass Council of Lexington will initiate a class on April 23.

South Bend Council initiated fifty candidates last week, the majority being students from Notre Dame University.

Pueblo Council will on April 23 put through one of the largest classes in the history of Initiations in Colorado.

The Knights of St. Paul closed a well attended and successful retreat last week. Fathers Rioridan, Lawler and Donahue preached the sermons.

Under the auspices of Bishop Carroll Council a minstrel show will be given for the benefit of St. Elizabeth Hospital at Covington on April 26 and 27.

It is a far cry to 1915 and the Panama-Pacific Exposition, but already the two councils in San Francisco have begun preparations for entertaining thousands of Knights. The city dedicated to St. Francis will have one of the most costly and elaborate buildings ready to receive all strangers from the East during the celebration.

LAETARE MEDAL

Has Been Awarded Miss Reppier by Notre Dame.

The Laetare medal, which is annually awarded by the University of Notre Dame to a lay member of the Catholic church in the United States for conspicuous work in the field of literature, art, science or philanthropy, has been awarded this year to Miss Agnes Reppier, the novelist, essayist and poet, of Philadelphia. The medal, which is a large disk of pure gold, takes its name from the fourth Sunday in Lent, which is called Laetare Sunday.

Miss Reppier was chosen for this high honor by the Board of Trustees of the university because of her literary work. This is not the first time she has been honored for her literary attainments. In 1902 the University of Pennsylvania conferred on her the degree of Doctor of Letters. Miss Reppier is the daughter of John and Agnes Reppier and is of French descent. She was born in Philadelphia April 1, 1857. Her early education was undertaken by her mother, a woman of rare culture. At an early age she was sent to Sacred Heart Convent, Eden Hall, near Philadelphia, and there she acquired her taste for literature. She began to write exquisite essays and novels when a girl in her teens, and as the years passed her work has constantly improved.

The medal will be conferred on Miss Reppier with due ceremony at any date that will suit her convenience.

RECENT DEATHS.

MADE FIRST VOWS.

Miss Mary Eagan, a popular New Albany girl, who entered the convent of St. Mary of the Woods, near Terre Haute, a year ago, took her first vows as a member of the order of Sisters of Providence last Saturday. Miss Eagan was one of eight novices that took the vows. She will be known in religion as Sister Paulina.

Mrs. Rosa Welcher, an active member of St. Anthony's congregation, died at her home, 424 North Twenty-fifth street, on Tuesday morning. Death followed an illness of three months. Three brothers and a sister survive her. They are George, Harry and William Doerr and Mrs. Maggie Stephens. The funeral took place from St. Anthony's church on Thursday and was attended by many sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Mary Dolan died at the family residence, 1816 High street, on Saturday morning and her funeral took place from St. Patrick's church on Monday morning. The deceased was thirty-eight years old and is survived by her husband, James Dolan, for many years night watchman at the Galt House, and three small children. Mrs. Dolan was held in high esteem by all who knew her and her untimely death is a cause of genuine regret.

The funeral of Miss Agnes Kohler, aged fifteen years, whose death resulted from tuberculosis, took place from St. Francis of Rome church, Rev. Thomas White conducting the solemn obsequies. She was the daughter of William Kohler, 179 William street, and is survived by her parents and three sisters and three brothers. The large attendance at the funeral evidenced the widespread sympathy felt for the bereaved family.

MISSIONARIES BUSY.

Rev. Fathers O'Connor and Cleary, the Dominican missionaries whose headquarters are at St. Louis Bertrand convent in this city, opened a two weeks' mission at St. Andrew church, Avondale, a suburb of Cincinnati, at the 10 o'clock mass last Sunday morning. The first week was for the unmarried people of the parish and the second week will be for the married members. The children will receive special instructions during the afternoon.

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